which due margin has been allowed for the effects of war on large scale trade and big industries. The receipts in the current year under Currency and Mint are special, due to fresh coinage of silver and no receipts are therefore expected next year. The decrease of revenue anticipated under Buildings, Communications and Miscellaneous Public Improvements is mostly under Tolls on roads and bridges mainly due to limited motor traffic on account of the rationing of petrol. On the other side, the betterment of revenue expected under Electrical schemes is accounted for by the fact that the Aluminium Factory which is expected to start work soon and the Government of Cochin will both come in for their full load of energy early next year. Under Water Supply and Drainage schemes, the anticipated increase represents the increased contribution payable by the Municipal Corporation of Trivandrum. The expected increase of net-receipts from the State Transport Scheme is mainly the result of the reduction in operating expenses. A slight increase of revenue is also anticipated from the Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory due to expectations of larger production.

20. Turning to the expenditure side, the programme of expenditure during the next year covers a budget provision of Rs. 285·13 lakhs, which is Rs. 8·04 lakhs in excess of the Revised Estimates for the current year. This small increase, honourable members will readily concede, is invitable in order to maintain the steady development of a progressive administration and is also due to the increase in prices all round. The programme of expenditure for the various departments has been carefully scrutinised by the Government as well as the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislature and in fixing the allotments the essential requirements of an efficient administration on the one hand and on the other, the need for the due exercise of economy especially at the present time, have both been kept in view, side by side. I shall now proceed to make a brief survey of the more important aspects of the next year's programme of expenditure.

21. *Forests.* The Department is proposed to be reorganised with a view to tapping new sources of revenue and to effect economy in the present administration without prejudicially affecting efficiency. A territorial redistribution of jurisdiction aiming at the reduction of the existing number of Forest divisions is also in contemplation. This accounts for the small reduction in next year's expenditure on this department, as compared with the Revised Estimates of expenditure for the current year.

22. *Public Service Department.* The Public Service Department, which was organised in 1110 had been functioning all these years only on a temporary basis. The work of the department having been carefully reviewed, the Government are satisfied of the continued usefulness of the department and it is therefore proposed to make the department permanent from 1st Chingom 1118.

23. *Education.* As usual, a liberal provision has been made for expenditure on Education. While on the Education budget, I may

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